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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Eric Rund of
4 Pesotum on being named the 2008 Champaign News-Gazette Farm
5 Leader of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Eric Rund operates a corn and soybean farm in
7 southern Champaign County, yet has been making ties with
8 farmers in South America; and

9 WHEREAS, His wife is a native of Ecuador; he owns a farm in
10 Brazil and operates International AGtivities, a company
11 providing tours of United States farms for South Americans and
12 South American farms for United States farmers; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition, Eric Rund has developed a market for
14 biofuels, with his farm being one of the first miscanthus farms
15 in the area; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Rund graduated from Villa Grove High School in
17 1967, then enrolled at the University of Illinois, where he
18 studied agricultural engineering; he later left the University
19 of Illinois to join the Peace Corps, working at a farm in
20 Ecuador in a town called Santo Domingo De Los Colorados; his
21 experience at the Peace Corps farm gave him a greater

1 appreciation for the rich, black soil of East Central Illinois;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, He fell in love with one of the Peace Corps'
4 bilingual secretaries, Maria Mosquera; she already knew
5 English, but falling in love with her gave Mr. Rund incentive
6 to learn Spanish; she later quit her job with the Peace Corps,
7 and the couple married in her hometown on the Pacific coast,
8 Esmeraldas; and

9 WHEREAS, He and his wife conduct tours for farmers from
10 Argentina, and plan on conducting tours for farmers from China
11 and Ireland in the future; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 congratulate Eric Rund and wish him continued success in all
15 his future endeavors; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Eric Rund as a symbol of our respect and esteem.